

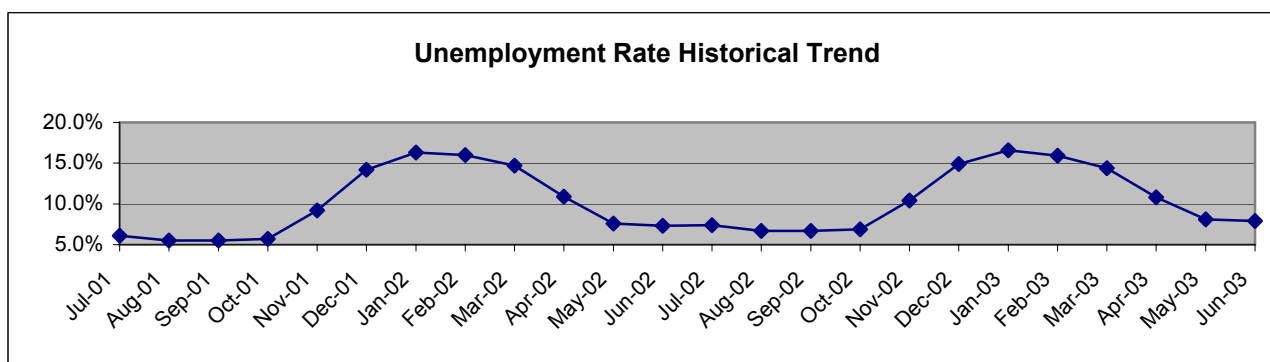
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 SALINAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Monterey County)

The unemployment rate in Monterey County was 7.9 percent in June 2003, down from a revised 8.1 percent in May 2003, but above the year-ago estimate of 7.3 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 6.7 percent for California and 6.5 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Month to month changes				Year to year changes		
	May 2003	June 2003	Change		June 2002	June 2003	Change
Total jobs	174,700	177,100	2,400		178,700	177,100	(1,600)
Farm	43,000	44,800	1,800		44,600	44,800	200
Natural resources and mining	200	200	0		200	200	0
Construction	6,500	6,600	100		6,700	6,600	(100)
Manufacturing	8,100	8,200	100		8,300	8,200	(100)
Trade, transportation and utilities	25,300	25,400	100		25,900	25,400	(500)
Information	2,500	2,500	0		2,400	2,500	100
Financial activities	6,800	6,800	0		6,600	6,800	200
Professional and business services	14,500	14,500	0		15,100	14,500	(600)
Educational and health services	12,000	12,000	0		11,900	12,000	100
Leisure and hospitality	19,700	19,900	200		20,500	19,900	(600)
Other services	4,400	4,300	(100)		4,400	4,300	(100)
Government	31,700	31,900	200		32,100	31,900	(200)

Note - Data not adjusted for seasonality

Additional data are available on-line at <http://www.calmis.ca.gov>